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20	BAND OF INDIANS,) Date: No hearing date set) Time:
21	Plaintiff-Intervenors,) Dept: 9
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Plaintiff-Intervenors Cahuilla Band of Indians and Ramona Band of Cahuilla ("Tribes") hereby move for a 120-day extension of the stay of litigation until May 24, 2013. Pursuant to this Court's Order of October 26, 2012, the stay expires on January 25, 2013. Doc. No. 5403. Counsel for the Ramona Band of Cahuilla has contacted counsel for the Settlement Parties to confer about this Joint Motion. Counsel is authorized to state that the United States; the State of California; County of Riverside; Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District; Alvin Greenwald; the Hemet Unified School District; and Agri-Empire support this request to extend the stay. The Anza Basin Landowners Group does not oppose this Joint Motion.

Settlement continues to be a viable approach to resolving the Tribes' water rights claims. Substantial progress has been achieved toward a negotiated settlement since the last report to this Court on September 27, 2012. The same parties and their consultants continue to be actively engaged in the discussions. A Technical Committee comprised of the Santa Margarita River Watershed Watermaster and various consultants of the parties continues to provide technical advice and assistance to the Settlement Parties in these discussions.

The parties have conducted extensive and wide-ranging discussions by telephonic meetings and by in-person meetings, both as a group and among smaller subsets of the parties. Telephone meetings were held on October 19, 2012; November 27, 2012; and January 24, 2013. The parties reported by telephone on their progress to Magistrate Judge Brooks on October 19, 2012. In addition, the Cahuilla Band of Indians and Agri-Empire have continued their discussions of issues unique to those parties, and reported their progress to Magistrate Judge Brooks on October 17, 2012. Finally, the Tribes have met to continue discussions related to issues of concern unique to them.

A draft settlement agreement is progressing toward completion. The broad outlines of settlement have largely been finalized. The parties will meet in the coming weeks to attempt to resolve a number of outstanding drafting issues. The Tribes believe the unresolved issues continue to be narrowed and that an extension of the stay is justified in order to allow the parties to devote their time and resources to a negotiated resolution of the Tribes' claims without the distraction, costs, and burdens of litigation.

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1	Based on the foregoing report of progress in the settlement discussions, the Tribes	
2	respectfully request that the stay be extended until May 24, 2013.	
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I, the undersigned, declare as follows:

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